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1. GOIC-CONTROLLED DAILY NEWSPAPER FRATERNITE MATIN OF

FEB 13 HAS FRONT PAGE COVERAGE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO GOIC
RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA FEB 12 CARRYING TEXT OF
COMMUNIQUE OF PDCI/RDA POLITICAL BUREAU ANNOUNCING DECISION
AS WELL AS TEXTS OF TELEGRAMS OF HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY TO MPLA
LEADER AGOSTINO NETO AND OF FONMIN USHER TO OAU (REFTELS).

2. ARTICLE ELSEWHERE IN SAME ISSUE ON ANGOLA ENTITLED
"30 AFRICAN STATES HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA" MENTIONS IVORY COAST,
UPPER VOLTA, TOGO, AND GABON AS FOUR LATEST ADDITIONS.
ARTICLE NOTES THAT POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS NOW FULL
MEMBER OF OAU SINCE WEDNESDAY, FEB 11, AND CITES
OAU SECRETARY GENERAL TELEGRAM TO NETO ANNOUNCING THE ADMISSION
OF POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TO MEMBERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH
OAU ARTICLES 4 AND 28 FOLLOWING RECOGNITION BY A MAJORITY
OF MEMBER STATES.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY QUOTING MPLA REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME
AMBROSIO LUKOKI TO EFFECT THAT MPLA GOVERNMENT IS READY TO
COOPERATE WITH EEC AND TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH "AMERICAN
COMPANY GULF" CONCERNING THE EXPLOITATION OF OIL FROM CABINDA.
IN LATTER CONNECTION LUKOKI QUOTED AS SAYING THAT"
AN ACCORD SHOULD BE POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF POPULAR
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AND THE GULF OIL COMPANY ON A BASIS
ACCEPTABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES. OUR TROOPS HAVE ALWAYS ASSURED
THE PROTECTION OF GULF EVEN THOUGH THE COMPANY HAS BLOCKED
THE ROYALTIES WHICH ARE DUE TO ANGOLA".
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